

DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2000 - 11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

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STARTRAN

1. StarTran Notice - RE: Because of the many conflicts with participants schedules, we have decided to postpone our Celebrity Bus Roadeo until a later date. Please note that we will **NOT** have the Celebrity Roadeo on Friday, May 12, 2000, as originally planned. When we determine a new date for this event, we will send out invitations again.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Lincoln Electric System's Quarterly Financial Report - Fourth Quarter 1999 - October-December.
2. Letter from Elizabeth H. Scarborough, President, TimeWarner Cable to Steve Huggenberger - RE: AOL/Time Warner, Inc. Transaction (See Letter).
3. Letter from Samantha Redman, Property Manager, Chateau Development LLC - RE: Peterson Park (See Letter).
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5. Letter from Henry Buis - RE: Boy Scouts of America - Petersen Park (See Letter).
6. E-Mail from Jake Carrel - RE: Cindy Johnson's Comments (See E-Mail).
7. Letter - RE: News from The National Arbor Day Foundation (See Letter).
8. Letter from Gary Danek - RE: Sewer District #1171 Assessment (See Letter).
9. Letter from Chuck Fodness CLU, LUTCF, State Farm Insurance Companies - RE: Concerns on the regulations of telecommunication providers who use the city's right of way in which there is a purposed telecommunication occupation tax increase from 3.8 to 5%. (See Letter).
10. E-Mail from Michael Knisely - RE: To those Voting Against funding (See E-Mail).
11. E-Mail from Tobias Theisen - RE: The EMS Issue (See E-Mail).
12. Material from Melva Plouzek - RE: Wilderness Park (See Material).

IV. DIRECTORS

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Directors' Meeting
Minutes
Monday, May 8, 2000
Conference Room 113

Council Members Present: Coleen Seng, Jeff Fortenberry, Jerry Shoecraft, Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Annette McRoy.

Council Member Absent: Cindy Johnson.

Others Present: Mayor Don Wesely, Ann Harrell, Jennifer Brinkman, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; City Clerk, Paul Malzer; Tammy Bogenreif, City Council Staff and Chris Hain, Lincoln Journal Star Representative.

I. MAYOR

Mayor Don Wesely commented to Council that a lot has happened since last week. Mayor Wesely stated to Council first of all he wants to thank Diane Gonzolas and everybody who helped on the Pennies for Lincoln. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that this event was really a big success. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that a lot of kids made this event possible and they were able to raise the amount and the money is still coming in. Mayor Wesely stated to Council, if they haven't had the chance to see the sculpture it is really very nice. Ms. Seng commented to Mayor Wesely what she likes best is that more money was raised for the sculpture.

Mayor Wesely stated to Council the ceremony he thought went well, but he was kind of disappointed there weren't more Council members at the ceremony and the County Board was all there. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that this ceremony was kind of a big deal.

Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they were also some what disappointed in the turnout for the open house on Saturday for the County-City Building and the Justice and Law Enforcement Center because they didn't get many people, but they also didn't get much press coverage. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they have been talking to the Journal Star for months about it. Mayor Wesely stated to Council in 1970, when they dedicated what was the new City Hall (which is now the Hall of Justice) that they had a big insert and they had a history of the City and City Halls and they asked Journal Star about doing the same thing they did before, but they were not interested in doing it. Mayor Wesely commented to Council that he was disappointed about it.

Ms. Seng stated that she was terribly impressed with the number of City/County employees who attended the ceremony on Friday. Mayor Wesely stated that he thinks

everybody is really happy about the buildings.

Mayor Wesely stated to Council that it was a busy weekend. Mayor Wesely stated to Council over the weekend they had the marathons, graduation at the University occurred and so all of the kids are moving out and graduating. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that the marathon was in town which was a big success. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council a lot happened, but it was a nice weekend for it all. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that the marathons went very well.

Mayor Wesely stated to Council that Jim Morgan officially resigned as the City's Parks Director. Mayor Wesely congratulated Mr. Morgan. Mr. Morgan thanked Mayor Wesely. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that Mr. Morgan's appointment was confirmed by the Madison City Council, and that Mr. Morgan's last day will be May 19th and Reba Schafer's last day will also be May 19th. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Morgan that they really appreciated everything he had done for the City of Lincoln and indicated to Mr. Morgan that they will be doing some stuff before he leaves.

Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they are advertising for the Park's position and they are accepting applications until May 26th, so they will be taking applications on the Park's position until this time.

Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they will be meeting together the next couple of days on the Budget and that they already had a briefing on the Labor Negotiations Issues. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that they will be able to bring them up-to-date as best as they can on where they are on the Budget and these negotiations in the next few days.

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Ms. Seng stated to Clerk Malzer that she would like him to talk about the letter they received from the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission regarding the application of Lincoln-“P” Street Catering Co. Inc., dba “Embassy Suites” for a Class I/K license at 1040 “P” Street and then his sample piece regarding the public open mic.

Clerk Malzer stated to Council that in regards to Item 6 [App. of Wine Merchants Inc. for a Special Designated License (SDL) to cover an area measuring 50' by 125' in a fenced area behind Frontier Harley Davidson at 2801 N. 27th St. on the 13th day of May, 2000 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.] that Wine Merchants did send in a supplemental form to their SDL application and it is attached to the Miscellaneous Referral Sheet.

Clerk Malzer stated to Council that in regards to Item 22, under Miscellaneous Referrals, Council has two resolutions to vote upon, setting the hearing date for Monday, May 22, 2000 at 1:30 p.m., one is the request of “Woody’s Pub” for an addition of their licensed premise at 101 N. 14th Street. Clerk Malzer indicated to Council what they wish to do is expand to the west and take over “Patty’s Place”. Clerk Malzer stated to Council that “Patty’s Place” did not renew their Class “T” liquor license, so “Woody’s Pub” wishes to expand into that area.

Clerk Malzer stated to Council that he also received a request from “The Oven” for an addition of their license premise at 201 N. 8th Street to be for the expansion of their sidewalk Café area.

Clerk Malzer stated to Council that he received a call from Carole Eddins about the two ordinances that were passed last week regarding the Paving District 2617 in 73rd Street from Cuming to Thurston Streets & Paving District 2618 in 33rd Street from Superior Street to Meridian Drive. Clerk Malzer stated to Council that Ms. Eddins is requesting reconsideration for these two items. Clerk Malzer stated to Council that he believes they did not put on it that it was available for CDDG Assistance and that this was not included in the creation of it.

Ms. Seng stated to Clerk Malzer that they should of had this on the 73rd Street from Cuming to Thurston Streets she would have thought, but the N. 33rd is all new area. Clerk Malzer stated to Ms. Seng that he does not know.

Roger Figard suggested to Council that it would not be appropriate for N. 33rd Street to fit into it. Ms. Seng commented that is right. Ms. Seng asked Clerk Malzer if on 73rd Street, he wants them to reconsider this item. Clerk Malzer stated to Council that he will bring this to their attention at the meeting today.

Clerk Malzer stated to Council that in regards to Item 27 [Approving a contract between the City, Lincoln Haymarket Development Corp., & Downtown Lincoln Association to operate & regulate a mid-week public market in the Marketplace area at 12th Street from Q to R St. & R St. from 12th to 13th Streets] attached to the Miscellaneous Referral Sheet is a replacement ordinance for this item. Clerk Malzer indicated to Council that they delayed introduction on this item because the University of Nebraska is no longer included in the contract, so this omits the University of Nebraska from the contract.

Clerk Malzer asked Ms. Seng what letter from the Liquor Commission she was talking about. Ms. Seng stated to Clerk Malzer that she received a call from Richard Halvorsen who appears before Council quite often and he wanted to know how liquor was being served over the weekend at Embassy Suites. Dana Roper stated to Ms. Seng that it is a catering permit. Clerk Malzer stated to Ms. Seng that the Embassy Suites in Omaha is using their liquor catering license to serve the liquor in Lincoln until they get their liquor license. Ms. Seng stated to everyone that she told Mr. Halvorsen he woke her up from her nap and she told him to call the City Attorney because that is all she could think of to do. Clerk Malzer stated to Ms. Seng that this is what was done with the approval of the Liquor Commission. Ms. Seng stated to Clerk Malzer “don’t be surprise if Mr. Halvorsen shows up at the Council Meeting today”. Ms. Seng indicated to Clerk Malzer that this is what she wanted him to know.

Clerk Malzer stated to Council the only other item he has for them is that he made another sample for the public open mic. Clerk Malzer indicated to Council that this should satisfy both thoughts of the public mic, first it will appear in letting the individuals know that any person desiring to have their

name or subject matter listed on the Agenda that is not listed on the current Agenda or not scheduled to appear on a future Agenda should notify the City Clerk and it will give the dates and everything, but also it will still show that anyone wishing to address the Council may come forward and do so at this time. Ms. Seng asked Council if it was okay if Clerk Malzer started listing this information on the Council Agenda's (no comments from the Council). Ms. Seng stated to Clerk Malzer okay.

Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. Seng that on the Director's Addendum for this morning there is a letter from him to Ms. McRoy regarding some information that she requested about the Youth Employment Program. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that Ms. McRoy had come to him requesting some information concerning the Youth Employment Program and he wanted to share with all of them the situation on the summer Youth Employment. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council he hoped they get the chance to look at this information regarding this situation. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he knows a lot of kids right now are thinking about summer jobs, so at this moment they may be in contact with different groups or situations. So he wanted to share this information with them and then would be able to share this information with other people. Mayor Wesely stated to Council basically they are in transition right now, known as the Workforce Investment Act that greatly changed existing programs for linking individuals with jobs, both adults and youth. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that Marc Wullscheleger is here to answer any questions they have in regards to this issue. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that essentially the Youth Program is still there, but with less money. Mayor Wesely stated to Council if you look at the memo from Dan Cain you will see that it is about \$20,000 less than what it was before and there might be some carry over funds but he is not sure. But essentially it is about \$20,000 less, and that it also isn't just for summer that it is for the whole year round. There is some uncertainties about the program, on how it is being structured. The Private Industry Council that has raised the money is on hold until they make some decisions on it until this summer. So, there are some uncertainties on how they are going to do the summer Youth Program and they are still working through it.

Mayor Wesely stated to Council there is the Green Team that is operated by the Parks and Recreation Department which will start soon, so if you have kids that are 13 or 14 who want to work half time for three weeks that this is the program you can send them too. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that the other program will be eventually up and running, but it is just not certain right now.

Ms. McRoy asked Mayor Wesely if she understands it correctly, that it is going to be a RFP for the services that it is not going to be ran by private services anymore that it is going to go out to an agency. Marc Wullscheleger stated to Ms. McRoy that is correct. Mr. Wullscheleger stated to Ms. McRoy that the Youth Employment Program will not be up and running until July 3rd when they officially own it and the Youth Council will be an RFP at that time. Mr. Wullscheleger stated to Ms. McRoy that they expect a lot of applications. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that it is in transition and once it is stabilized, they will not have this problem, but for this summer it is going to be a little tough. Ms. McRoy stated to Mayor Wesely that she appreciates him looking into this issue.

Mr. Morgan stated to Council that he wanted to let them know the small Green Team Program

is also in transition this year and last year they had 110 kids and he thinks they only will be able to hire about 1/5 of that number this year from using donated money from last year that they are carrying over. Mr. Morgan stated to Council that they were pretty heavily dependent on private contributions. But they will have the program because they don't want it to go away, and they did not give a typical recruiting where they went out and got 400 to 500 applicants that they have always had for it.

Ms. Seng asked Mayor Wesely if the agencies will be notified then that there will be some sort of a program. Marc Wullscheleger indicated to Ms. Seng that the agencies will be notified. Mr. Wullscheleger stated to Ms. Seng that the Youth Council is working with some of the agencies now and they will be able to get all of them.

Mr. Fortenberry indicated to Mr. Morgan as a creative suggestion on similar work as the Green Team job they participate in the detasseling industry; they are turning down 100 kids that could be directed to an industry that is looking for kids in that age group. Mr. Morgan indicated to Mr. Fortenberry that he thinks they can, but the detasseling seems to appeal more to the kids that have not been brought up in the Urban Environment. Mr. Morgan stated to Mr. Fortenberry that when you talk about giving kids their first real job experience in baby sitting and mowing lawns, that most of them don't relate well to that type of work, but they are very good in parks with cleaning, playground activities, and that type of thing. Mr. Morgan stated to Mr. Fortenberry the comment they hear the most during interviews is that "I thought I was going to have to go to detasseling". [laughter] Mr. Morgan stated to Mr. Fortenberry that they will not be close to home, they don't won't to be gone for the whole day, that they want to work in the neighborhoods and this is kind of one of the benefits of the Green Team.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

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2. OUTSTANDING Request to Public Works Department, Roger Figard - RE: The condition of the railroad crossing at 56th & Old Cheney (RFI#802 - 4/26/00).--- Ms. Seng asked Roger Figard is someone going to answer or deal with Don Wright's request regarding 56th & Old Cheney. Mr. Figard stated to Ms. Seng that he is not sure there is a lot they are going to be able to do, and that they have been down there several times. Mr. Figard stated to Ms. Seng the asphalt squishes up and they ground it off and that there is going to be some roughness. Mr. Figard stated to Ms. Seng that they have gone back down there to put some more asphalt in there. Mr. Figard

commented to Ms. Seng that it is a difficult situation with the turning movement, the long crossing, and heavy traffic that it isn't going to be perfect. Ms. Seng asked Mr. Figard if someone was communicating with Mr. Wright in regards to this matter. Mr. Figard stated to Ms. Seng that someone is communicating this information to Mr. Wright.

Allan Abbott stated to Ms. Seng that basically the problem is the crossing, which is not the City's, that it is OPD's, so this is the problem and as they get into it they can grind it. Mr. Abbott indicated to Ms. Seng that he goes through that intersection a lot and honestly if you go through it at a reasonable speed it is not a problem. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Abbott that Mr. Wright wants a response. Mr. Abbott stated to Ms. Seng the answer he is getting is not the answer he wants to hear. Mr. Abbott indicated to Ms. Seng that Mr. Wright keeps on saying it is a simple solution and he doesn't understand why it can't be fixed and it is not a simple solution. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Abbott okay.

3. Request to Urban Development, Wynn Hjermsstad - RE: The situation at 448 N. 24th Street (RFI#803 - 5/1/00).— Mr. Shoecraft asked the Planning Department or Building & Safety Department, if there is anything else they can do in regards to that apartment complex that is by this residential home. Mr. Shoecraft stated that he knows they are screening their fence, but then it stops and he was wondering if it was possible for them to require the fence to be extended further down.

Mike Merwick asked Mr. Shoecraft if he meant having the fence extended further down to the east towards the alley. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Merwick that is correct. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Merwick that he doesn't know if this would help resolve some of the problems of those tenants coming over to that particular building and using their front yard and littering, etc. Mr. Shoecraft indicated to Mr. Merwick that it is not a PRT case. Mr. Merwick stated to Mr. Shoecraft that they can look into it. Mr. Shoecraft commented that he is surprised the entryway of that building is facing that way. Mr. Merwick stated to Mr. Shoecraft that it all has been built according to code, zoning and everything else, but they can go back and look at it to see if they can have them extend the fence. Mr. Merwick stated that he was over there and a couple of staff people were over there, and it is just a pretty good size apartment complex, on a lot that kind of dwarfs the other buildings on both sides. Mr. Shoecraft asked Mr. Merwick if this is something they can learn from this because he was surprised to see the entryway was facing north. Mr. Merwick stated to Mr. Shoecraft they built it according to code. Mr. Shoecraft commented to Mr. Merwick so as long as they build it according to code they can have the front any direction they want. Mr. Merwick commented to Mr. Shoecraft he wouldn't say that. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Shoecraft not now. Mr. Cook stated that they can't go back and change any of it. Mr. Shoecraft commented that is correct, but this is unfortunate.

Ms. Seng stated that she also sent this Request For Information to the Housing Authority, in hopes they might talk with their clients that are letting the garbage go into the fence.

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1. Letter from Steve Huggenberger, Assistant City Attorney to Elizabeth Scarborough, President Nebraska Division, Time Warner Cable - RE: Transfer Resolution.--- Ms. Seng stated that she thinks they are dealing with this issue next week. Dana Roper stated to Ms. Seng that is correct, on two resolutions with one thumbs up and one thumbs down, depending on the response from Time Warner.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Ms. Seng that on the Director's Agenda under "C. Miscellaneous" there are a number of letters regarding Petersen Park. Mayor Wesely asked Council if they are aware of the action by the Planning Commission in regards to this issue. Ms. Seng stated to Mayor Wesely that they are aware of the action by the Planning Commission. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they have been in contact with them offering to help them look at other sites and the NRD is interested in working with them on it as well, so they are trying to be helpful to them. Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. Seng in addition he saw Henry Buis's letter which was totally off base. Mayor Wesely stated to Council what has happened, they had some assumptions the cost of that land would be \$200,000 or \$300,000 and he doesn't know where they got this amount. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that it was just an assumption they had made because nobody in the City had given them a price that he can find. Mayor Wesely stated to Council what had happened when they moved forward with their proposal to the Parks & Recreation Department and also to the planning process the City initiated an appraisal by an independent appraiser and they gave them the restrictions that were placed in everything and then they came back with this dollar figure that they saw. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that it includes a number of restrictions and it still came to that number, so it wasn't anything they had done in the way they handled the situation. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that he wanted to be real clear about it, that there was no amount for \$200,000 from anybody that he knows of, that everybody went through the proper way they handle these things. Mayor Wesely indicated to Council that they were going to talk about it and see what they can do.

Jim Morgan commented to Council just to add a little bit to what Mayor Wesely was saying about Petersen Park. Mr. Morgan stated to Council that Petersen Park was developed with flat and water conservation plains back in the 70's and the requirement for the appraisal is a Federal Department requirement and it has to be the independent appraisal, which is all of the steps they went through with the Boy Scout's. Mr. Morgan indicated to Council that there is no opportunity for anyone in City Government to negotiate a price, than a market appraised value. Mr. Morgan indicated to Council that he thinks they were hoping for something different. Ms. Seng commented to Mr. Morgan there is a little piece of a rumor going around. Mr. Morgan stated to Ms. Seng that he understands.

Mr. Fortenberry asked Mr. Morgan if the Boy Scout's are going to withdraw their application. Mayor Wesely indicated to Mr. Fortenberry that it sounded like it this morning. Kathleen Sellman stated to Mr. Fortenberry that they haven't done so yet, but they have a while to decide if they are going to appeal the denial of the special permit. Ms. Sellman stated to Mr. Fortenberry that she thinks they have until May 13th to make that decision.

Mr. Camp asked Mayor Wesely and Ms. Sellman in looking at the situation is this really in the best interested of Lincoln, that he thought the Boy Scout's had some good agreements with all of the other activities there. [Mr. Camp's further comments were inaudible since he spoke too quietly for the tape to pick up]

Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Camp that the Planning Department did take in a staff position and support it. So, the City has been trying to be supportive, the appraisal cost is the only thing they didn't really have control over.

Mr. Fortenberry asked Mayor Wesely if this is the main thing. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Fortenberry no it is not. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Mayor Wesely what he doesn't want to set up here is two conflicting public policy goals. Obviously we have a policy goal providing good recreation for Boy Scouts and they can't get any better than that, but flood control is obviously another. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Fortenberry that it has been complicated because there is restrictions because of the park land. They talked to the neighborhood and they thought things were fine, but it turned out that it wasn't; then there was also concern on the Beal Slough issue, so it is a combination of things that lead to their redirection of it. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Fortenberry that they tried to accommodate as much as they could with the proposal.

Mr. Shoecraft stated that he was very luke warm on it also because he has lived in the south area for five years and it is a nightmare to get in and out of there, and then with the flooding issues, etc. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Council to remember when he reported to them at the meeting that he was luke warm to the concept for these various reasons that the Planning Commission and the neighborhoods pointed out.

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2. Memo & Plannerese Dictionary from John Bradley - RE: Plannerese Dictionary (Copy of this material is on file in the City Council Office). — John Bradley stated to Council that he likes to keep them informed on things. Mr. Bradley commented to Council that he broke the planners secret code just for their benefit. [laughter] Mr. Bradley indicated to Council that he gets this information free from Cal-Tech.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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Nguyen & Nancy Tran & James & Pamela Luedke - RE: Williamsburg Village Park.--
- Ms. Seng stated to Allan Abbott to tell Scott Opfer thank you for his response letters to all of these individuals about this issue.

Mr. Fortenberry stated that he thinks this is a great way to do it, when the City Council gets a lot of these letters and he thinks this is a great system. Mr. Fortenberry indicated though he has one little suggestion, that it didn't come from the City Council Office, that it came from the City Council. Mr. Fortenberry stated that they need to be personally addressing these letters from the City Council. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Fortenberry okay.

STARTRAN

1. StarTran Notice - RE: Because of the many conflicts with participants schedules, we have decided to postpone our Celebrity Bus Roadeo until a later date. Please note that we will **NOT** have the Celebrity Roadeo on Friday, May 12, 2000, as originally planned. When we determine a new date for this event, we will send out invitations again. — Ms. Seng stated that she is so disappointed that they are not having the Celebrity Roadeo on Friday morning. Ms. Seng stated for those who didn't work here last year, she wants them to know that she came in almost to the bottom of the list. [laughter] Ms. Seng commented that she did everything right, except that she just went so slow.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Lincoln Electric System's Quarterly Financial Report - Fourth Quarter 1999 - October-December. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
2. Letter from Elizabeth H. Scarborough, President, TimeWarner Cable to Steve Huggenberger - RE: AOL/Time Warner, Inc. Transaction.— Council will be dealing with this issue next week .
3. Letter from Samantha Redman, Property Manager, Chateau Development LLC - RE: Petersen Park. — Mayor Don Wesely and Council discussed these letters in regards to the Petersen Park earlier under "B. Directors and Department Heads -after the letter from the Law Department". (See that discussion)
4. Letter from Bruce & Charlene Messenger - RE: The EMS Issue. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

5. Letter from Henry Buis - RE: Boy Scouts of America - Petersen Park. — Mayor Don Wesely mentioned this letter during his discussion regarding Petersen Park under “B. Directors and Department Heads - after the letter from the Law Department”. (See that discussion).
6. E-Mail from Jake Carrel - RE: Cindy Johnson’s Comments. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
7. Letter - RE: News from The National Arbor Day Foundation. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
8. Letter from Gary Danek - RE: Sewer District #1171 Assessment.— Ms. Seng stated that Gary Danek keeps writing to them and she asked Roger Figard if he could give them some direction on what to do. Mr. Figard stated to Ms. Seng not today, but he will because he needs to review it. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Figard okay. Ms. Seng stated that somebody really needs to look at it because Mr. Danek keeps writing to the Council all of the time and she is sure that it is coming before the Board of Equalization probably fairly soon and they have this on Monday morning for May 22nd.

Mr. Cook asked Roger Figard how the particular assessment method was determined, if it was a vote by the residents. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Cook no it wasn’t, that it was by them. Mr. Cook asked if the assessment method was what everyone agreed to, and were there meetings with the residents and did they discuss the assessment method and come to some agreement on it. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Cook that they had multitude of meetings on it, before the Council and before the Board of Equalization. Mr. Figard stated to Mr. Cook that there were a number of meetings and there were also a lot of direction from the Law Department on what was appropriate. Mr. Figard stated to Mr. Cook that they did try to involve them in the discussion and looked at the different approaches of what the different costs might be, but they didn’t make the vote or make the decision. Mr. Figard indicated to Mr. Cook that Rick Haden spent a lot of time and effort in a number of meetings with them going over the cost and needs, etc. Ms. Seng commented to Mr. Cook that this was a very long drawn out effort all dealing with annexation.

Mr. Fortenberry stated that apparently there was not a given court case formula, and asked Mr. Figard if the square foot formula was mitigated some what by lot size. Mr. Figard stated to Mr. Fortenberry he thinks so. Mr. Cook commented that he is getting conflicting information about this because he asked if it is not necessarily a front footage that the lot size issue was taken into account by picking a point somewhere back into the lot. Mr. Figard stated to Council the other concern was when they looked at setting up a number of units for each lot, they had so many units or each lot was one unit, that several or many of these lots could be sub-divided. So people could come in, sub-divide, sell off and effectively reduce their sewer assessment significantly

over someone else's stay there. Mr. Figard stated that they tried really to stick with the benefit to the front foot, so that each piece of property was paying an equal amount of dollars in an equivalent front foot for the lot and with the direction from the Law Department this is what they believed was the most dependable and appropriate process.

9. Letter from Chuck Fodness CLU, LUTCF, State Farm Insurance Companies - RE: Concerns on the regulations of telecommunication providers who use the city's right of way in which there is a purposed telecommunication occupation tax increase from 3.8 to 5%. --- NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
10. E-Mail from Michael Knisely - RE: To those Voting Against funding. — NOTED W WITHOUT COMMENTS
11. E-Mail from Tobias Theisen - RE: The EMS Issue. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
12. Material from Melva Plouzek - RE: Wilderness Park. — Ms. Seng stated that Melva Plouzek really wants an answer in writing in regards to this Wilderness Park material that she sent to them. Ms. Seng indicated that she also thinks this material was sent to the Planning Department. Kathleen Sellman stated to Ms. Seng that they received a copy of this material. Ms. Sellman stated to Ms. Seng that Ms. Plouzek has three alternatives. One of course is for the six property owners adjacent to the right-of-way to initiate a petition to vacate; she can talk to Kent Seacrest and see what the impact was of the Eleven Point Agreement that was prepared and see if it is in the intention of his clients to bear the cost of requiring that land that has been vacated; and the third would be to coordinate with Ross Engineering with the development next door to them.

Ms. Seng asked Ms. Sellman if they could send this information out to Ms. Plouzek in writing. Ms. Sellman indicated to Ms. Seng that they will have a copy of this information out to Ms. Plouzek today. Ms. Seng asked Ms. Sellman, if they would also send a copy of the information to them. Ms. Sellman stated to Ms. Seng that she will also send a copy to them.

ADDENDUM

I. MAYOR

1. CITY OF LINCOLN - NEWS ADVISORY - RE: The grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Lancaster County-City of Lincoln Government Center is set for Friday, May 5th at 1:30 p.m. at the east entrance of the Justice and Law Enforcement Center. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

2. CITY OF LINCOLN - NEWS RELEASE - RE: 5 City-TV To Present History Marathon. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
3. CITY OF LINCOLN - NEWS RELEASE - RE: Ribbon Cut For County-City Government Center.--- NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
4. CITY OF LINCOLN - NEWS RELEASE - RE: Water System Encourages Water Conservation . — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
5. Letter to Annette McRoy from Mayor Don Wesely - RE: Ms. McRoy request for information concerning the Youth Employment Program. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

III. CORRESPONDENCE

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. E-Mail from Greg Failla - RE: The EMS Issue. -- NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
2. E-Mail from Roxanna Woods - RE: Change of Zone #3237. --- NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
3. E-Mail from Joseph W. Johnson Jr. - RE: The EMS Issue. --- NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

IV. DIRECTORS

Ms. Seng stated to everybody that Don Herz was at her Citizen's Meeting this morning and she managed to wade through the controversy regarding the Ambulance proposal. Ms. Seng thanked Mr. Herz for attending her Citizen's Meeting.

FINANCE - Don Herz indicated to Council that he wanted to mention to them that Rural Metro this morning agreed to release the two parts of their material, that they made this information available in the two binders that are outside of the City Clerk's Office. Mr. Herz stated to Council one thing he was thinking about doing is bringing one copy of the entire books over to the City Council Office, so they have access to it and then perhaps putting copies of the executive summary's in their packets for this week. (Copy of this information is in the City Council Office)

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT - Allan Abbott stated to Council that if

they haven't noticed the construction season has started. Mr. Abbott stated to Council he doesn't know if they saw the news release from the Department of Roads about closing the westbound ramp on 27th Street to I-80 today, which means the traffic is going to be coming down 27th & Superior Street to I-80 from Monday through Friday. Mr. Abbott stated to Council with a lot of what the City has going on in construction work there is going to be congestion; they will try to adjust traffic signals. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that they will do what they can. Mr. Abbott indicated to Council with the City construction on streets and with the State construction work on I-80 which is down to one lane, it is not going to be fun traveling in the City for a period of time to come.

Mr. Cook asked Mr. Abbott if the State cleared the detour plan with him down Cornhusker Hwy. Mr. Abbott indicated to Mr. Cook that it is a State route, so they didn't need to clear it with the City. Mr. Abbott indicated to Mr. Cook that the State discussed it with them, but it is one of those situations where you really can't say no. Mr. Abbott commented to Mr. Cook that it seems like all the construction work is coming all at the same time.

Mr. Fortenberry stated to Mr. Abbott that on Superior if your heading eastbound at I-80, you go through the first set of green lights at the exit ramp, then the next one turns, and it shouldn't be doing that, he doesn't see any reason why those can't be timed right. Mr. Abbott indicated to Mr. Fortenberry that they will take a look at it to see what they can do.

Mr. Abbott stated to Council that a lot people don't like the Van Dorn inter-change, but the purpose of the Van Dorn inter-change is so you have one set of signals that can control a whole set of ramps and you don't end up with the problem they are talking about here. Mr. Abbott indicated to Council that it takes a lot of getting used too.

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

Mr. Camp asked Jim Morgan what ever happened on the Tierra Park parking lot. Mr. Camp indicated to Mr. Morgan that he has had a lot of the residents asking him about it. Mr. Morgan indicated to Mr. Camp that they have not pushed the parking lot because it was triggered by the opening of the dis-golf which has not happened yet, once this happens they want the neighborhood to expand the lot. Mr. Morgan indicated to Mr. Camp it is not that they don't want to do it, it is a matter of timing and funding to get it expanded. Mr. Camp asked Mr. Morgan what should he tell the neighborhood because people are parking all over there again.

Mr. Morgan stated to Mr. Camp here is what you are facing all over the City, you are getting Williamsburg Park, Cripple Creek Park, and before soccer season starts all of the teams are formed they all scramble to practice one or two nights a week with all of their kids, so they have this huge crunch. Mr. Morgan indicated to Mr. Camp that it will end when the games start and he thinks Mr. Cook is going to get hit by Roper Elementary School when they

start parking on those streets and any other places around town. So, that crunch has been an annual thing for all of the years he has been here and it goes away once the soccer season starts when everybody is practicing.

Mr. Morgan stated to Mr. Camp that parking lot is adequately sized for facilities they have there, but it is not adequately sized when all of the coaches decide that is where they want to practice. Mr. Morgan stated to Mr. Camp that they have funding in this year's budget to do the parking lot at Tierra Park, but standard with a gravel lot and they worked for a couple of year's to get this funding lined up. Mr. Morgan indicated to Council the real problem is that a lot of the south neighborhoods don't have parks. Mr. Morgan stated to Council they have had to replant Cripple Creek Park three times in seven years because the grass has been worn down to nothing. Mr. Morgan stated to Council that they have all of these extra neighborhoods doubling up, but they have a standard with one neighborhood park in every square mile and they are not meeting the standard because the funding is not there for development or to maintain those park sizes. Mr. Morgan indicated that people are going to have to live with the crowded conditions just like they have crowded roads and they have crowded conditions in parks when they don't meet the standard for development and this is where they are at right now.

JERRY SHOECRAFT - NO COMMENTS

JEFF FORTENBERRY

Mr. Fortenberry stated to Allan Abbott that on N.W. 12th Street they have a potential four lane road there, but currently only two lanes as it goes from the Highlands to the Airport. Because it is built to be a four lane, it looks like it gives you the impression you could be back to one lane. Mr. Fortenberry asked Mr. Abbott if there is some kind of sign they could put up that suggests appropriate lane marking. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Mr. Abbott that he is worried about it. Mr. Abbott indicated to Mr. Fortenberry that there is a sign that says two way traffic. Mr. Fortenberry suggested to Mr. Abbott that probably right there on the other end where Highlands Blvd. inter-sects that maybe they should have a sign on the other side of it. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Fortenberry okay.

Mr. Fortenberry stated to Allan Abbott the other issue on the same street is about those big rocks in the right-of-way and that this is another accident waiting to happen. Mr. Morgan stated to Mr. Fortenberry the reason the big rocks are in the medians through that area is the out of town truckers that drive over the medians instead of backing in. Mr. Fortenberry indicated to Mr. Morgan that he wasn't referring to the rocks in the medians that he was referring to where you turn in next to the "Great Scott's" Restaurant, that there is a boulder

right there on the corner between the sidewalk and the street which is part of the right-of-way. Mr. Fortenberry commented that he is sure the reason for putting it there was because of the heavy truck traffic coming in and out of there. Mr. Abbott indicated to Mr. Fortenberry that he thinks they have talked to the person about it a couple of times, but they will go out and check it out again.

Mr. Fortenberry stated to Dana Roper that he was wondering if he would call the owner of "Great Scott's" Restaurant and give him an over view of the type of liquor licenses that might be available to him. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Fortenberry okay.

CINDY JOHNSON - ABSENT

ANNETTE McROY - NO COMMENTS

JONATHAN COOK - NO COMMENTS

COLEEN SENG

Ms. Seng stated that she wanted to say once again thank you to all of the employees that were around here on Saturday for the tours of the County/City Building and the Hall of Justice Building. Ms. Seng stated that they didn't have a very big turn out for the County/City Building because it took people 1½ hours to get through the tour of the Police Department and the Sheriffs's Department and she thinks this is where people really wanted to tour. Ms. Seng commented that they did have several groups that came through the City Council Office.

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:05 P.M.